

Application No. 10/809,149  
Amendment dated August 7, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of July 30, 2007

In response to the Office Action of April 11, 2007, Applicant filed the Pre-Appeal Conference Request of April 20, 2007. According to the resulting Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review of July 2, 2007, the rejections of the Office Action of April 11, 2007 were to be withdrawn. As such, Applicant is confused by the inclusion of the above-discussed rejections in the present Office Action that are identical to the rejections included in the Office Action of April 11, 2007. Accordingly, Applicant herein incorporates the successful arguments articulated in Applicant's Pre-Appeal Conference Request of April 20, 2007, and submits these arguments in response to the present Office Action.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable and that dependent claims 2-44 dependent from independent claim 1, or claims dependent therefrom, are patentable at least due to their dependency from an allowable independent claim. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the preceding comments. Issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Respectfully submitted,

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